

## GOSSIP OF THE GIRLS.

## Alice Confides to Dear Louise the Goings On in Washington.

MY DEAR LOUISE: The spring season is wearing away, and in a week or so the great begonia to the summer resorts or Europe will be in full tide. The only society event of any magnitude during the week was the Country Club tea. Next Wednesday will see the last meeting of this kind for the season. There have been many excursions to Mount Vernon during the annual meeting of the Regents, which always occurs at this time of the year. The members of the Presidential household are in the enjoyment of the rest from social duties which the papers are constantly assuring us they so greatly need—poor victims! And yet compare their mode of travel now with what they had to endure four years ago, and what they will have to put up with in a couple of years hence. When a trip is in contemplation by the White House family how delightfully simple it is for them. No fuss or bother of any kind, only a numerous family stepping into comfortable carriages and being whirled to the depot, where a magnificent train of cars with "all the comforts of a home" bears them on their journey. And when once started none of your slow stoppages and weary waits, but swift progress in the wake of a pilot engine, every luxury at their elbow, from the "cup that cheers" to strawberries and orchids. No wonder every politician's wife wants to be Mrs. President. What would George and Martha say if their eyes were opened again and they could contemplate the royal progresses and gift collecting expeditions of their successors? And, by the way, we are promised a look at Mrs. Harrison's numerous and valuable souvenirs by having them on exhibition at the National Museum.

In some random reading I have lately indulged in I was much astonished to find that the fad of silver bon-bon boxes was in vogue in the sixteenth century. On the morning of the assassination of the Duke of Guise, in 1588, Guizot relates that the Duke of Guise went early to the council chamber, and shortly after "gave orders to his secretary, Pericard, to go and fetch the silver-gilt-shell he was in the habit of carrying about him with damsons or other conserves. Pericard passed his bon-bon box to him. The Duke took a few plums from it, and threw the rest on the table, saying, 'Gentlemen, who will have any?' Who shall say there is anything new under the sun after this?

Another curious piece of information I gleaned the other day from an old book full of complexion recipes was that "patches on the face, associated as they are in modern days with fashion and frivolity, were once a symbol of religion. They originated with Etheldra, the Saxon queen and saint, in the seventh century, who, quite late in life, became an abbess. In the monastery she gave herself up to fasting and severe penances of various kinds, which caused her face to break out in blotches. Her nuns besought her to cover these blotches with patches, which thereby became evidences of a truly religious life. We all know how imitative human nature is, and those among the nuns who had not blotches adopted the patches without them. The complexion fad of this fin de siècle period is to color the cheeks by means of a beautifying matter put under the skin by the agency of a hypodermic needle. Just fancy the penalty of a few hours' bloom. The needle leaves a small puncture on the cheeks, and the woman who uses it is always compelled to go heavily veiled in daytime, or her punctured face, in the clear, true light of day, will reveal the secret of her evening bloom. I have been told of two society women of this city who owe the carnation tint of their cheeks to the coloring matter inserted by the hypodermic needle. It is paying a big price for beauty, is it not, Louise? Youth has its own loveliness, and usually that "fine conceit of itself" that will not brook the idea of borrowed roses. So, really, in this dangerous practice harm is only done to back numbers and married women, both of which classes ought to know better.

I must tell you of a fad of a different kind that is going to be greatly in vogue next season. Hereafter sealing wax is to have a language of its own. Like all the fads that have a run here, this one is of transatlantic origin. A letter containing a marriage proposal must be sealed with white wax, missives between accepted lovers with ruby-colored wax; blue denotes constancy, and yellow jealousy, while green wax is the emblem of hope, and brown indicates melancholy. All this is for lovers. For business purposes the common red sealing wax serves; gray is the tint for ordinary correspondence between friends. Dinner invitations must have seals of a chocolate tint, while confidential letters between girl friends should be sealed with pink. Do you think you'll remember all this? The indication by color of the nature of the letter will be a great help to the investigatingly inclined domestics who receive the mail at the front and expend considerable time and attention in conning over the supercriptions.

In the way of engagement gossip I have heard of nothing so interesting as that reported between Miss Hattie Blaine and the new consul general to Persia, Mr. Truxton Beale. Miss Hattie Blaine is the only one of the daughters of the Secretary of State with the slightest pretensions to beauty. She is really a handsome girl, but has never acquired the reputation for beauty and accomplishments that she deserves owing to the semi-mourning of the Blaine family ever since her debut. After the storm of weddings in April the usual May quiet in such matters followed, but June is a favorite marriage month and no doubt you will hear of some spectacular ceremonies from your friend, ALICE.

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## THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Most Successful Meeting Ever Held in Washington.

The open tourney under the auspices of the National Lawn Tennis Association which was begun at the courts of the Bachelors' Tennis Club the 15th instant was brought to a close Friday. The playing of the visitors proved a treat to the devotees of tennis in this city, and has opened up a new line of play among the local enthusiasts. The work of the Hall brothers was remarkable for placing and an absence of "amazing." Their style of play was particularly graceful, using the "back-hand" stroke with equal effect as the "fore hand," and thus returning ball after ball until the one or the other was slightly out of position, when, with remarkable rapidity, the ball was sent flying past the opponent, just out of reach.

Much praise could be heard on all sides of the brilliant game played by Mr. Oscar Woodward in the contest with Mr. Edward L. Hall, in which the score was 6-8, 5-7.

Mr. E. L. Hall, winner of the all-comers, and also of the Southern championship of the N. L. T. A., was the hero of the hour, especially among the fair attendants. Mr. Hall is not yet twenty, and it is predicted that he is the coming champion of the United States. This prediction will be verified if he continues his present game, which consists in wonderful judgment, quick action, and great skill. He will enter the tournament at Newport in August, and after defeating the veteran A. E. Wright it is reasonable to expect that his skill will add new laurels to his name.

The attendance during the meeting was over six hundred, besides the contestants, and brilliant gatherings were daily features. The tourney was a financial as well as a social success.

Following are the complete scores:

In the open tournament, singles, preliminary round, B. Kennon Peter beat R. B. Brown, 6-4, 6-3; Oscar Woodward beat R. B. Goodfellow, 6-8, 8-6, 7-5; Mervyn Thompson beat C. C. Clare, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; Dr. R. Jenkins beat N. L. Collamer, 6-2, 7-5; E. L. Hall beat T. F. Chambers, 6-1, 6-0; R. S. Chilton, Jr., beat S. C. Taylor, 6-4, 6-2; S. B. Shelby beat George Barclay, 6-2, 6-0; Fred S. Parks beat Allan Johnston, by default; Marion R. Wright beat John C. Davidson, 5-7, 6-1, 9-7; H. M. Billings beat H. C. Painter, 6-1, 6-3; Spring Rice beat B. S. de Garmendia by default; V. G. Hall beat M. L. Steele, 6-1, 6-1; W. B. Chilton beat W. P. Metcalf, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

First round—Woodward beat Peter, 6-1, 10-8; Thompson beat Jenkins, 6-1, 7-5; Hall beat Chilton, 6-2, 6-2; Shelby beat Parks, 6-0, 10-8; Wright beat Billings, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5; V. G. Hall beat Spring Rice by default; C. L. McCawley (bye) beat Metcalf, 6-2, 6-0.

Second round—T. P. Borden (bye) beat W. G. Peter, (bye), 6-1, 10-8; Woodward beat Borden, 6-1, 6-2; E. L. Hall beat Thompson, 6-4, 6-4; Wright beat Shelby, 6-0, 6-3; V. G. Hall beat McCawley, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Third round—E. L. Hall beat Woodward, 8-6, 7-5; V. G. Hall beat Wright, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Final—Edward L. Hall beat Valentine G. Hall, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, thereby winning the all comers' and taking first prize, Mr. V. G. Hall winning second prize.

In the match for the championship Edward L. Hall beat A. E. Wright, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. In the open doubles, preliminary round, Woodward and Borden beat Wooten and Shelby, 3-0, 6-4, 6-4; Wright and Billings beat Metcalf and Brown, 6-3, 6-1.

First round—Peter brothers beat Woodward and Borden, 7-5, 6-3; Hall brothers beat Chilton and Goodfellow, 6-2, 6-4; McCawley and Davidson beat Shields and Blair, 6-1, 6-2; Wright and Billings, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Second round—Hall brothers beat Peter brothers, 6-2, 6-4; Wright and Billings beat McCawley and Davidson, 6-3, 6-3.

Final round—Wright and Billings beat Hall brothers, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2, thus winning the first prize and championship at double, Hall brothers taking second prize.

For the consolation prize in the singles of the open tournament the result was as follows: Preliminary round—Chambers beat Steele, 6-2, 6-4; Goodfellow beat Clark, 6-1, 6-1; Collamer beat Parks by default.

First round—Brown beat Chambers, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; Goodfellow beat Collamer, 6-3, 6-2.

Second round—Goodfellow beat Brown, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, thus winning the consolation prize.

In the District singles the result was as follows: Preliminary round—R. S. Chilton, Jr., beat Chambers by default.

First round—Chilton beat Metcalf, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Painter beat Steele, 10-8, 6-2. Thompson beat Shelby, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Davidson beat Woodward, 6-4, 6-4.

Second round—Chilton beat Painter, 8-6, 3-6, 7-5. Davidson beat Thompson, 6-3, 6-3.

Third round—Davidson beat Chilton, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3, thereby winning the first prize, and in the final contest for the District championship Davidson beat McCawley, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Non-winner, preliminary round—W. B. Chilton beat H. C. Painter, 7-5, 5-7, 6-0. Shelby beat Cronin, 6-2, 6-1.

First round—Shelby beat Chilton, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; W. G. Peter beat Jenkins by default.

Final round—Shelby beat Peter, 3-6, 6-4, 7-0, 6-4, 6-3, thus winning the non-winner prize.

In the District doubles, preliminary round, Chilton and Goodfellow beat Metcalf and Brown, 6-4, 6-4.

First round—Peter brothers beat Chilton and Goodfellow, 7-5, 6-4; McCawley and Davidson beat McPherson brothers, 6-2, 6-3.

In the first round the Peter brothers beat McCawley and Davidson, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, thereby winning the championship doubles and first prize, McCawley and Davidson, being the runners-up, took second prize.

The most remarkable game of the tournament was that between Mr. S. B. Shelby and W. G. Peter for the non-winner prize, in which the former was the victor, after playing five sets, many of which were brought to "deuce" and "vantage" time and time again.

This contest proved of great interest to the spectators, and Mr. Shelby deserves great credit for the steady and remarkable play which gained the victory and the prize for him.

The gentlemen who had charge of the arrangement of the tournament, Messrs. Thomas P. Borden, Jules P. Woblen, N. D. Cram, W. P. Metcalf, and S. B. Shelby, were recipients of well-merited congratulations on all sides for the success of the meeting and for their untiring efforts in bringing about the result.

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